

Sales Tax Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes

May 24, 2012

Meeting began at 4:07 pm

Absent members: Mr. Terrance Hinson, Mr. Will Messer, and Mr. William Tucker. Ms. Christic Henry arrived after the start of the meeting.

Agenda Item #1: Citizens to be Heard

Dr. J.R. Harding addressed the Committee regarding Florida's population of people with disabilities. Dr. Harding suggested the Sales Tax Committee keep in mind that the projects considered by the Committee appeal to the population with disabilities by adhering to ADA standards.

Ms. Pam Hall addressed the Committee regarding waste water management in the unincorporated areas of Leon County. Additionally, Ms. Hall suggested that the Sales Tax Committee discuss building a good decent transit system that will provide services to residents in the unincorporated areas.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Summary Minutes for the April 26, 2012 Meeting of the Sales Tax Committee and Open House

Kim Williams made a motion to approve the summary minutes for the April 26, 2012 meeting of the Sales Tax Committee. The motion was seconded by R.B. Holmes. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Requested Information from the Committee: Acceptance of the Report on Blueprint 2000 Minority and Disadvantage Business Enterprise Participation

Wayne Tedder, P.L.A.C.E Director, discussed the Report on Blueprint 2000 Minority and Disadvantage Business Enterprise Participation. Mr. Tedder stated this report is all inclusive. He also stated, General Engineering Consultant (G.E.C.) is fully participating to meet and adhere to all MBE/WBE guidelines, and all construction processes done through consultation is an opportunity for MBE/WBE participation.

Mr. Tedder noted a correction to be made to the report to reflect the County has an adjusted 28% requirement of MBE which is higher than what Blueprint 2000 requires.

Curtis Richardson made a motion to approve the report on Blueprint 2000 minority and disadvantage business enterprise participation. The motion was seconded by Bill Peebles. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Acceptance of the Report on the Legislative Changes to Florida Statutes 212.055(2)

Cristina Paredes, Leon County Intergovernmental Affairs and Special Projects Coordinator, confirmed that local governments can now use fund programs similar to the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) projects. Mrs. Paredes stated that funding from the surtax can be used for commercial or residential energy improvements.

Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator, explained that the County currently has commercial and residential PACE programs and that County staff is currently exploring funding options for these programs.

Ed Murray made a motion to approve the report on the legislative changes to Florida Statutes 212.055(2). The motion was seconded by Bill Peebles. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5: *Continuation from the March 29, 2012 Meeting:*

Staff Report on the Community's Profile and Comprehensive Plan for Leon County and the City of Tallahassee

Brian Wiebler, Senior Planner with the Planning Department gave a presentation on the following subjects:

- Population information
- Comprehensive plan
- Regional mobility plan

Cherie Bryant, Comprehensive Planning Manager with the Planning Department, gave a presentation on the following subjects:

- Urban Design Studio and place making
- Mobility
- Wastewater

Agenda Item #6: Approval of the Revised Committee Calendar and Request to Extend the Committee's Completion Date until June 2013 Pursuant to the Enabling Resolution

Chairman Evans reviewed the revised Committee calendar and the request to extend the Committee's completion date until June 2013.

Ed Murray made a motion to approve the revised Committee calendar and request to extend the Committee's completion date until June 2013 pursuant to the enabling resolution. The motion was seconded by Mark Tarmey. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Committee Business:

- The Economic Development Council (EDC) will be holding a workshop on June 18.
- Kim Rivers suggested that the Sales Tax Committee develop a subcommittee to discuss economic development and recommend an approach to the Sales Tax Committee. Mr. Rosenzweig suggested waiting until all the data is presented and taken to the Board before considering subcommittees and referred to the revised calendar that was previously approved by the Committee which indicated that the Committee will be discussing economic development in August.

Ms. Rivers expressed her concern in the economic development portion of the sales tax proceeds as well as in the decision making process of the approved Sales Tax Projects.

Mr. Rosenzweig stated, Leon County Office of Economic Development and Business Partnerships, City of Tallahassee Office of Community and Economic Development, and Tallahassee/Leon County Economic Development Council are working together to provide the Committee with a recommended the framework for economic development. Mr. Rosenzweig noted that the County and City have upcoming workshops on this subject and that local universities/colleges have been contacted and are working with the County, City, and EDC. Jay Townsend, Assistant City Manager, added City and County staff are currently only outlining the framework and the Committee will be responsible for recommending a percentage and the final framework for the Commissions to consider.

Mr. Rosenzweig and Mr. Townsend expressed the importance finishing the information gathering process prior to the start of project deliberation. Mr. Rosenzweig stated that staff has two components remaining (economic development and recommended County/City capital projects) to present prior to the Committee's project development and evaluation process.

Several other Committee members expressed their opposition in creating subcommittees. Instead, the Committee agreed to consider changes to their bylaws regarding meeting times and lengths during the next meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm